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Letter dated 7 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter of 27 November 1992 (A/47/736-S/24862) concerning the acceptance by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus of the confidence-building measures proposed in your report (S/24830 of 19 November 1992) and in Security Council resolution 789 (1992), adopted unanimously on 25 November 1992, I have the honour to forward herewith a letter dated 30 November 1992 addressed to you by the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. George Vassiliou, in which, inter alia, specific proposals are made in connection with the withdrawal of the Turkish forces from Cyprus and the demilitarization of the Republic of Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 45, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) A. J. JACOVIDES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Cyprus
to the United Nations

ANNEX

Letter dated 30 November 1992 from the President of the Republic of Cyprus to the Secretary-General

I should like to express to you and, through you, to all the members of the Security Council, my thanks and appreciation for the adoption of Security Council resolution 789 (1992). The Government of the Republic of Cyprus endorses fully the resolution and is ready to contribute in every possible way to the success of the forthcoming negotiating process.

It is therefore of the utmost importance that we proceed to the implementation of the resolution, in order to render it an effective tool for achieving the necessary progress, in accordance with the spirit that animated the members of the Security Council.

I have already informed you, through my letter of 24 November 1992, that the Government of Cyprus accepts the measures you have proposed and which the Security Council subsequently endorsed in its resolution, and is ready and willing to proceed with their implementation.

Unfortunately the statements of the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Cetin, that Turkey does not accept resolution 789 (1992) and that every country can, at its discretion, accept some resolutions and reject others according to its interests, are not encouraging at all and even raise fundamental issues of principle concerning the Security Council itself. We hope that the Security Council will not accept such an interpretation of its role and such selectivity in the implementation of its resolutions.

The Prime Minister of Turkey, Mr. Suleyman Demirel, has declared that Turkey is ready to proceed with the withdrawal of all its forces in Cyprus, provided the security of the Turkish Cypriot Community is safeguarded. I should like to bring to your attention that, since 1988, I have been advocating the complete demilitarization of Cyprus. I have proposed the dismantling of the military forces of the Republic of Cyprus if all Turkish troops and settlers withdraw from the island and the armed elements that have fostered are disbanded. I should therefore once more reiterate our willingness to proceed with the demilitarization of Cyprus, firmly believing that the implementation of this proposal would be the greatest single contribution towards the security of all Cypriots.

If, however, Mr. Demirel believes that the complete demilitarization of Cyprus is not in itself sufficient guarantee for the security of the Turkish Cypriot Community, which I believe it is, we are ready to accept a United Nations force, the size and role of which can be defined by the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations, in order to supervise the whole process and guarantee the security of all Cypriots.

I am convinced, Mr. Secretary-General, that such a development will contribute substantially to our efforts to reach a solution. On our behalf, I would like to assure you that we are ready and willing to contribute in every possible way to its realization.

(Signed) George VASSILIOU